

next two months. States which have already executed the MoUs agreed to intensify efforts for providing infrastructural and administrative facilities for installation and maintenance of Satellite Interactive Terminals (SITs) and Receive Only Terminals (ROTs).

- States welcomed the establishment of the "SAKSHAT" Education Portal by the Ministry, and agreed to host it on State-level servers as well, and also to develop and post on this portal, learning modules in their respective languages, and suited to the State-specific context.

9. Minority Education

- The Scheme of introduction of modern subjects in Madrassa institutions, being a demand-driven scheme, needs to be widely publicized with the active involvement of the State Governments. Special campaign would be launched by the MHRD, in association with State Governments, for willing Madrassa institutions to volunteer for assistance under the Scheme. The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) would launch a programme of linking with willing Madrassa Institutions for imparting education in modern subjects and vocational education through open and distance learning mode, leading to appropriate certification of eligible and successful Madrassa students by the NIOS.

Shortage of teachers in primary schools

†3368. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in Government primary schools in the country the number of teachers is less than the requirement;
- (b) if so, the number of teachers required for primary schools;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (c) the actual strength of teachers at present;
- (d) whether any time-limit has been fixed to meet the shortage of teachers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI):

(a) to (c) The absolute number of teachers at primary level is 28,05,138 as per data of District Information System of Education (DISE) 2005.

The Pupil Teacher Ratio (PTR) for Government primary schools in the country is 1:39 against an ideal ratio of 1:40.

(d) and (e) States with adverse PTR's have been sanctioned additional teachers under SSA, for instance, 184081 teachers to Bihar, 83709 to Jharkhand, 233583 to UP and 87881 to West Bengal, upto 2006-07.

Deemed university status to Ramadevi Women College

3369. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to give deemed university status to Ramadevi Women College in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a proposal in this context has been received by the Centre from State Government; and
- (d) if so, the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.